Fake registration of school children

453. SHRI AJAY MAROO:
SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a recent State-wide check conducted by education inspectors, it has been found that almost 12 lakh chHdren listed in the records are missing from the classroom in Maharashtra, indicating their entries in the school registers being fake;

(b) whether it is a fact that the State Govemment has wasted over Rs. 725 crore in 2005-06 alone on apparently educating these ghost children; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check the flaws in the enrolment of students in schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Director, Primary Education, Govemment of Maharashtra, has formed district-wise committees to check actual enrolment in local body schools in the State.

Tribal children for primary education

454. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of tribal children in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh eligible for primary school;

(b) how many of them attended primary school in this academic year;

(c) the percentage of tribal children in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh getting mid-day meal; and

(d) the age group eligible to attend primary school?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per information furnished by Government of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand,